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FROM:

SUBJECT: TRIP REPORT to Norfolk, Virginia and Washington, D. C.,  
6 March 1968 and 7 March 1968.

PURPOSE: EPE Pre-installation visit to the Atlantic Intelligence Center.

PERSONNEL CONTACTED:

AIC:

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Executive Officer  
Production Officer  
Photo Officer  
Photo Lab  
Contract Monitor

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NAVRTSC:

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NAVRTSC Commanding Officer  
Photo Lab  
Contracting Officer

DISCUSSION:

Upon arrival in Norfolk the writer met [ ] and we  
proceeded to the Navy Yard.

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At the AIC Building we met [ ] who escorted  
us to the Photo Lab.

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The people at AIC were hesitant about discussing the installation  
of the EPE until we could meet [ ]. However,  
we walked the path the EPE would traverse and discussed the problems  
regarding the uncrating and re-assembly of the EPE.

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The installation of the EPE will have to be a complete self sustaining  
operation as they do not have a piece of gear nor personnel to assist  
the installation crew, i.e. no Forklift Truck, wood for blocking,  
Johnson Bars, enlisted or maintenance people etc.

The room assigned or designated for the EPE has to be modified  
to accept the equipment. As it now stands, the Enlarger would  
be in one room, the exhaustor in another. A hole (light tight)

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will have to be cored in the wall to allow the 7" diameter exhaust hose to be connected to the Enlarger. Also a new duct will have to be run over a false ceiling to allow connecting the immersion fluid exhaust line from the Enlarger to an outside exhaust system. The Electrical Connector will require a new line run from a remote box capable of providing the specified service.

After much discussion about the installation we met with [redacted] [redacted] was of the opinion the AIC did not really want the BPE because they could not justify the existence of the BPE in their Lab. He stated that they had not requested the BPE in the beginning and felt they did not need nor want the Enlarger. Also that to prepare the room or area to accept the BPE would require money or funds that they did not have, and if the money was available, they could not have the area ready to accept the BPE until July or August of 1968.

The writer then proposed moving the BPE on to the next customer (Air Force) and holding the last BPE on the present contract for AIC. This proposal was readily accepted by [redacted]

They also stated that they wanted time to discuss the feasibility of even Accepting the BPE at all. This discussion would occur between the Commanding Officer of AIC, [redacted] and people presumably in Washington. The outcome of this discussion would be forwarded to [redacted] (Contract Monitor) who would then inform the writer.

They (AIC) have a very neat and compact Photo Lab and are very satisfied with what they have and its operation. The BPE would become the largest piece of equipment in house and in a sense out of proportion to what they have.

Upon leaving AIC [redacted] and the writer returned to Washington where on 7 March 1968 the following events occurred.

At NAVRTSC the writer met with the above listed people to review the problems incurred at AIC Norfolk. [redacted] stated that he had designated AIC to receive a BPE at the beginning because they would have a need for one. [redacted] also stated that AIC was to receive the BPE. He said that AIC did not know that they needed a BPE but they would develop a need for the Enlarger. At that point [redacted] telephoned [redacted] at AIC and told him that AIC was to receive the BPE and he would prove to them that they needed the BPE.

[redacted] agreed that the delivery date of July for AIC to receive the BPE was satisfactory.

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The writer suggested June 1968 as the installation date for the BPE designated to FICPAC as we could not install two BPE's in the month of July. [ ] agreed and requested [ ] to inform FICPAC Hawaii that they had to be ready in June 1968.

At the conclusion of this meeting with all parties in agreement as to Delivery Schedule, the writer traveled to [ ] where I met with [ ]

After informing [ ] of the meeting at NAVRTSC, we contacted [ ] at Beale AFB to see if they were ready to accept a BPE. They are ready, therefore, the BPE originally designated for AIC Norfolk is now assigned to Beale AFB. [ ] was informed that we would make our pre-installation visit on 14 March 1968.

Transportation of the BPE to Beale AFB will be by Mil Air direct to Beale from [ ] on 20 March 1968. Installation of the BPE at Beale will commence 25 March 1968.

[ ] of NAVRTSC contacted [ ] and the writer at [ ] informing us that NAVRTSC had been in telephone contact with people at FICPAC Hawaii and that they will be ready for the BPE in June 1968. The Pre-installation visit to FICPAC will be made in May 1968.

## CONCLUSIONS:

1. AIC was not ready to receive the BPE at this time. They will receive a BPE in July 1968.
2. Beale AFB will receive the BPE Serial #104 on 25 March 1968.
3. Installation of the BPE at FICPAC has been updated to June 1968.

## ACTION ITEMS:

Customer

None

Contractor

Prepare and crate the BPE in house, Serial No. 104, for Mil Airlift to Beale AFB on 20 March 1968, with installation to commence 25 March 1968.

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